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FOR: DEPT PASS INTERIOR BUREAU OF MINES

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EMIN, BL
SUBJECT: BISMUTH

1. COMIBOL HAS DECIDED TO STOP PRODUCING BISMUTH METAL BECAUSE
MARKET PRICES HAVE FALLEN FAR BELOW COSTS OF PRODUCTION ACCORDING
TO COMIBOL SOURCES. COMIBOL WILL CONTINUE TO PRODUCE AND
STOCK A BISMUTH BULLION (APPARENTLY PELLET LIKE) WHICH IS AN
INTERMEDIATE PRODUCT WHICH CAN BE REFINED WHEN DEMAND FOR
METAL GOES UP.

2. BOLIVIA IS MAJOR WORLD PRODUCER OF BISMUTH BUT UNLIKE MOST
PRODUCERS WHICH HAVE BISMUTH AS A BY-PRODUCT OF OTHER MINERAL
PRODUCTION, BOLIVIA HAS BISMUTH MINES AS MAJOR MINERAL PRODUCED.
COMIBOL PRODUCED 233 MT IN FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1977 AND EXPORTED
345 MT, DRAWING FROM STOCKS. HOWEVER STOCKS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE
COUNTRY, N.Y. AND BELGIUM) REMAIN LARGE. NINTY PERCENT OF
EXPORTED BISMUTH WENT TO BELGIUM.
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